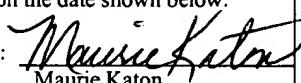




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In re Application of: Yukako Nii

Application No.: 09/499,401

Group Art Unit: 2174 Technology Center 2100

Filed: February 7, 2000

Examiner: Vu, Thanh T

For: Information Processing Apparatus And Method With Graphical User Interface Allowing Processing Condition To Be Set By Drag And Drop, And Medium On Which Processing Program Thereof Is Recorded

### PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a))

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month from December 29, 2003 to January 29, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested: [X] is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is  
[ X ] other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[ ] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
		<b>Fee      \$110.00</b>

Extension fee due with this request      **\$110.00**

5. Extended period for response  
Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on January 29, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

[ X ] Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00.

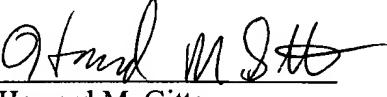
[ X ] Charge Account 04-1105 (Order No. 70551-49570) for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Dated: January 7, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Customer No. 21874

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